

St James Weekly — week of May 23, 2021

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UPDATED! Weekly Schedule

Bible Study—Sundays 8:30-9:30AM (Zoom)

NOTE *New start/end time so people who want to attend in-person worship have travel time.* We're reading and discussing the book of 1 Corinthians. Use any bible translation(s) you like; no other book/guide needed. We read through and discuss one chapter each week, with the following questions in mind: 1) What stands out to you in the passage we are studying?; 2) What do you have a question about or want to know more about?; 3) What can you apply from the passage to your daily faith journey?; and 4) If you were to talk to a friend about this passage what would you talk about?

5/23 chapter 13; 5/30 chapter 14; 6/5 chapter 15

To participate from any phone, dial 1-312-626-6799
When prompted for Meeting ID, enter 580 876 932 #
When prompted for Participant ID, press #
When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]
By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/biblestudy

Worship—Sundays at 10AM (in-person/online)

Attend in-person at 10AM, or participate LIVE at 10AM or view at any time after on Facebook or YouTube:
go.mysjec.com/facebook or go.mysjec.com/youtube

5/23: Pentecost—Amma Diane's ordination anniversary *
5/30: Trinity Sunday—Memorial Day weekend
6/6: LGBTQ+ Awareness *
6/13: World Refugee Day observance
6/20: Fathers/Father Figures *
6/27: 5th Sunday after Pentecost

**indicates preaching by the Rev Dcn Jerry Molitor*

Mid-Week Worship—Wednesdays at 4PM (Zoom)

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By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/wednesday

Morning Prayer—Fridays at 7:00AM (Zoom)

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By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/friday

NEW! St James Book Group 5/26 at 7PM

The book being read and discussed by the St. James book group in May is a novel by Fredrik Backman titled Anxious People. You are welcome to join in the conversation even if you have not been able to read the book. A bit about the book from Goodreads.com: *"A poignant, charming novel about a crime that never took place, a would-be bank robber who disappears into thin air, and eight extremely anxious strangers who find they have more in common than they ever imagined...Humorous, compassionate, and wise, Anxious People is an ingeniously constructed story about the enduring power of friendship, forgiveness, and hope—the things that save us, even in the most anxious of times."*

Book Group meets the 4th Wednesday of the month from 7 - 8pm, except in November and December we meet one week earlier. May's meeting will be a virtual via ZOOM on May 26. You can call or join via the internet following the link provided. If you have technical difficulties Amma Diane Murray (920-860-5152) will try to help you.

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When prompted for Password, enter 0 # [number zero]
By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/bookgroup

NEW! Painting Pathways Clubhouse public events

Everyone from St James is invited to these events:

- ◆ 2021 Brat Fry & Plant Sale takes place May 27 from 11AM-5PM at the Clubhouse, 1226 Washington St. All sales are by donation. Stop on down! Your donation ensures we can continue helping those in the community with a mental health diagnosis.
- ◆ Official Open House & Ribbon Cutting is June 1 from 10AM-6PM at the Clubhouse. Ribbon cutting is at noon. Enjoy a guided tour of our beautiful new facility. Refreshments will be served.

NEW! Photos needed: Fathers/Father Figures

We need your photo contributions for a slide shows in our June 20 Worship service. Please send photos of your grandfathers, fathers, sons, spouses, or yourself... other relatives, friends, and people from our church... or anybody else who has been like a father, spiritual or otherwise, in the lives of you or your loved ones. We'll also reuse photos from last year unless we hear otherwise from you. **Send photos by June 17.**

Send in as many photos as you like. As with photo requests for our previous services, we do not include names or other identifying information for privacy. Please send your photos to Tony Karl (email them to info@mysjec.com, text them to him, or drop them off at his house and he can scan them for you). Thanks!

Vestry Notes

- ♦ **NEW!** As of April 31, our year-to-date income is \$23,278, on a YTD budget of \$30,323 (a shortage of \$7,045). Year-to-date expenses as of April 31 are \$33,865 on a YTD budget of \$36,516 (a savings of \$2,651). We currently have a year-to-date deficit of \$10,585, which is more than our budgeted YTD deficit of \$6,193. Thank you to all our members and friends for your generosity and faithful stewardship!
- ♦ The Diocese of Fond du Lac will hold Summer Camp with a hybrid of in-person and at-home for those age 4 through 12th grade. If you or a child you know are interested in attending, visit diofdl.org/camp.html or talk to Amma Diane if you have any questions. Financial assistance is available.
- ♦ **SAVE THE DATE:** The Rev'd Deacon Jerry Molitor has been working with our congregation since September 2020. Jerry is a transitional deacon on the path to ordination as a priest in the Diocese of Fond du Lac. God willing and the people consenting, Jerry will be ordained July 10 at our Cathedral Church of St Paul in Fond du Lac. Additional details will be shared when they become available.

NEW! Annual Meeting 6/27

As we've announced starting April 5, our Annual Meeting is scheduled following Worship on Sunday, June 27. The meeting will take place in the Sanctuary with the same guidelines as in-person Worship. There will not be food/snacks, so we will try to keep the meeting brief.

2020 Annual Reports were delivered to homes in February. Extras are available at the church, or contact Amma Diane if you need one delivered to you.

We will elect Wardens/Vestry (church council), Diocesan Convention delegates and alternates, and a church Endowment Trustee. Information and nomination forms were available in church starting May 16. Advance nominations should be returned by June 13 (nominations are permitted from the floor.)

Vestry update: **Tammy McVeigh** is completing her 2nd one-year term (of up to 3) as Senior Warden; she is eligible to be re-elected for another year; Tammy is retiring from the Vestry. **Chris Eggert-Rosenthal** is completing her 2nd one-year term (of up to 3) as Junior Warden; she is eligible to be re-elected for another year; Chris will be a nominee for Senior Warden. **Mary Green** (2020) is completing a full 3-year term as Vestry Member; she is ineligible to serve another term as Vestry Member but may serve in other positions; Mary will be a nominee for Junior Warden. **Peggy Turnbull** asked to step down in 2020 so that she could concentrate on the work of Treasurer. **Richard Hall** (2021), **Kim Kaufmann** (2021) and **Nick Doszkewycz** (2022) will continue their Vestry Member terms in the coming year.

UPDATED! Prayers for the Week

Healing, Comfort & Strength: Brenden, Steve & Marybeth, Virginia, Carol, Elizabeth, Vanessa, Terry, Debbie, Bonnie, Don & Beth, Faith, Susie, Marty & Nancy, Peggy, Joe Mike, Chip, Jim, Bill, Steven, Billy, Len & Margaret, Ray, Mollie, Liese, Walter, Chris, Mary, Vicki, Randy & Cindy, Charlie, Shelley, Silas, Mary, Sandy, Cathy, Don, Mike, Laurie, Amanda, Eleanor, Richard, Chris & Nicole, Sharon and her family.

Guidance & Discernment: Tim, Guy & Mary, Kurt, Ronald, Alison, Frankie, Brian & Lisa, Ginny & Karen, Annie & Tom, Lishane, Mary, Kevin, Cherity, Sara, Ethan, Scott, Bonnie's family, Tammy & Kevin.

Serving in the Military: Jordan, Daniel, Ian, Logan, Keaton, Ashlee, Adam.

Additional Prayers we offer include: For Peace in our world... for the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Ministry with youth in the diocese and St Peter's Mission District, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Melanesia. For the Dioceses of Eau Claire, Milwaukee, and Northern Michigan. For people living with mental illness. For Painting Pathways Clubhouse. Hope House families. The men of The Haven. We pray for those working in government in our cities, state, country, and the world. We pray for our neighborhood. For the people around the world affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Pray for an end to racism and social injustice in our country and around the world. Pray for people around the world dealing with severe weather and related damage, injury, and deaths. For our safe return to church in person..

We offer thanks for: Diane our Rector, Tammy and Chris, our Wardens, our Vestry and other ministry leaders, staff and every person in this congregation. Transitional Deacon Jerry Molitor and his wife Linda. Bishop Matthew Gunter and his wife Leslie and family. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his wife, Sharon. Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and their Bishop, The Rt Rev Godfrey and his wife Albertina.

We Pray for the Departed: Tom & Audrey, Audrey & Clayton, Pat, Myrna, Cindy, Joe, Paul, Clarence, Deena, Scott.

Milestones

We pray for those celebrating milestones:

Birthdays: 5/4 Mayra Short; 5/7 Noah Short; 5/7 Owen Short; 5/10 Marty Luger; 5/12 Lisa Luger; 5/15 Shirley Ouradnik; 5/20 Doris Hansen; 5/23 Pat Hanson; 5/26 Nick Reckelberg.

Anniversaries: 5/6 Leonard & Margaret Coombs; 5/9 Mary Jean & Todd Reckelberg; 5/15 Barbara & John Cook; 5/20 Marian & Nick Doszkewycz; May 28 Lisa & Marty Luger.

Ordination Anniversary: 5/23 Amma Diane

If you would like your prayer requests to be included on our list, or to add a milestone, please contact Amma Diane Murray by phone (920-860-5152) or email (dianemarie.murray@gmail.com).

NEW! [Beloved Community Conversation 6/6](#)

Following last Summer's 7-week Becoming Beloved Community series on race we've been meeting monthly via Zoom to discuss where God may be leading us in response. Previous and new participants are invited to be part of the conversation on Sunday, June 6 at 11AM. We'll gather in the Sanctuary following 10AM Worship and others can connect via Zoom if they aren't able to attend in person. This series is designed to help us grow as a community of reconcilers, justice-makers, and healers who share a passion for the dream of God.

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By computer or other device: go.mysjec.com/beloved

NEW! [Men's & Women's monthly meetings 6/12](#)

MEN: Saturday 6/12 at 8AM

The Men's Group is going to meet IN PERSON (!!!!) on Saturday, June 12 at 8AM. We will meet outside at Union Park (two blocks east of St James on State St between 7th and 6th). Please bring a chair and whatever you'd like to eat/drink. Join us for enjoyable fellowship and conversation—all are welcome!

Unvaccinated people, please plan to wear a mask; we will also socially distance our chairs, as we move into our re-entry plan. If we have bad weather we will have a socially distanced meeting at church in the fellowship hall. If you have questions, please talk to Richard Hall or Mark Hunner.

WOMEN: Saturday 6/12 at 9AM

The Women's Group is going to meet IN PERSON (!!!!) on Saturday, June 12 at 9AM. We will meet outside at the Spirit of the Rivers Monument and Wayside on Memorial Drive. Please bring your own beverage. We will use their picnic tables but bring a camp or lawn chair if you prefer. Summer meetings are for fellowship and conversation, so please join us if you can!

Unvaccinated people, please plan to wear a mask; we will also socially distance our chairs, as we move into our re-entry plan. If we have bad weather we will have a socially distanced meeting at church in the fellowship hall. If you have questions, please talk to Chris Eggert-Rosenthal or Liz Gordon.

Thanks for your support!

We appreciate your continued financial support while we are being the church in this different way. Checks can be mailed to or dropped off at the church. You can also set up payments through your bank (most offer this for free) or donate online at mysjec.com/donate. We know that these are difficult times for some, and we understand if you are unable to support the church financially. Please contact Amma Diane if you need help connecting to assistance or resources. **Our special offering for the month of May goes to the Painting Pathways Clubhouse—please label gifts accordingly.**

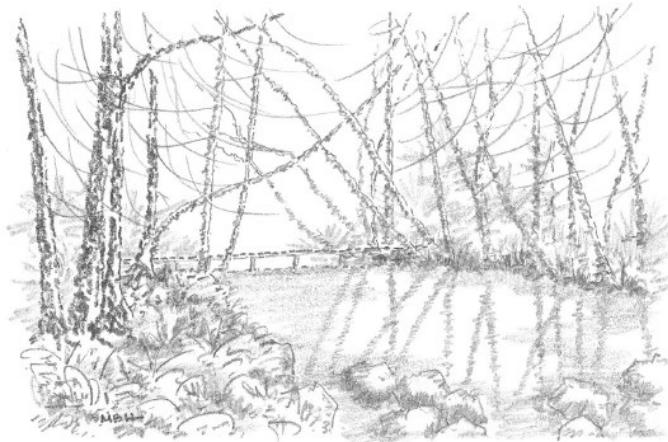
NEW! [Hunner Preserve](#)

Mark Hunner shares the following story:

"Over 30 years ago Sally and I bought 55 acres of property near Tisch Mills, comprised of 50% pine and cedar plantation as well as 50% native conifer and hardwood forest. The land is bisected by Tisch Creek, a beautiful spring-fed stream bordered by native ferns. Over the years I worked at thinning the plantation areas to allow Nature to reclaim what was previously cropland.

"In order to preserve in perpetuity this beautiful stream and woodland, in late 2020 our family decided to donate 40 acres of property to Glacial Lakes Conservancy. The public can now walk, ski and enjoy this beloved land and water, all part of God's Creation."

Mark wants to let the people from St James know that if any individuals or small groups would like to visit the property and see the land, Mark would be more than happy to give people a tour/walk of the property. Contact Mark and Sally (920-755-2213) if you'd like to arrange a time and date.



drawing by Mark Hunner

Glacial Lakes Conservancy, Inc (glaciallakes.org) is a private, non-profit land conservation organization. The original founders saw that during the 1990's, approximately 8,000 rural acres were subdivided for residential purposes in the unincorporated areas of Sheboygan County alone, prompting a deep concern for the future of our region's lands and waters.

This realization prompted the founding of the Sheboygan Area Land Conservancy in 1996. Originally, an all-volunteer organization with a goal of serving to protect and preserve natural areas and farmland within the Sheboygan Country area in Wisconsin.

In January 2005, Glacial Lakes Conservancy (renamed in 2004), expanded its coverage area northward to Kewaunee County. This was accomplished by merging with The Rural Land Legacy Committee of Kewaunee County, an active local group dedicated to preserving farmland, natural areas, and undeveloped Lake Michigan shoreline.

Today, the land trust offers land conservation options, organizational support, and technical guidance to landowners and organizations in a five-county region, Sheboygan, Manitowoc, Kewaunee, Calumet and Fond du Lac. GLC owns five properties: William F. Christel Woods and Wetlands Preserve, Grasshopper Hill Preserve, Charles & Winifred Spring West Twin River Preserve, Willow Creek Preserve, the Hunner Preserve, and also holds 26 conservation easements.